

### Abstract of the Disclosure

The novel nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of the human Hairless gene and protein, respectively, are disclosed. A Hairless expression construct may be used in transcription assays. Moreover, processes of making and using the aforementioned products in screening assays which affect Hairless-regulated transcription are disclosed. Kits comprising a polynucleotide, polypeptide, specific binding molecule, or combinations thereof are disclosed.

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